Scripture: John 10

Singing: 187 – 217:2, 4 – 51 – 278:1, 4, 5 – 53

Intro: The metaphors of *sheep and Shepherd* are admirably fitting!

A. Domesticated sheep picture us fallen men very well

B. Good and Biblical Shepherd pictures Jesus admirably well

 1. He faced therough elements of the shepherding life

 2. He stood in contrast with the ‘shepherds’ of John 9

**The Good Shepherd**

I. Why choose the name Shepherd?

II. Why did He claim to be the Good Shepherd?

**I. Why did Jesus choose the name Shepherd?**

A. Taking this title *wasn’t flattering* in Jesus’ days

B. Four ***minor*** reasons:

 1. Because shepherds were vital for the survival of sheep

 2. Because we are as sheep in need of a shepherd

 3. Because we all are being shepherded by the false shepherds

a. Shepherds come in different shape or kindbut all *misleading*

 b. Examine who/what is your shepherd

 4. Because all other shepherds will let us down: they can’t save you!

a. Our greatest **needs** only Jesus as Shepherd can meet

 ● restore breach between God and you! (Ps. 49:7)

 ● pay the debt to God’s justice (Ezek. 18:20; Matt. 5:26)

C. The ***major*** reason: *to identify Himself as Jehovah* (Ps. 23:1)

**II. Why does Jesus claim to be the Good Shepherd?**

A. He does *because He is the only Door of access to the best pasture* (9-10)

 1. What is the *best pasture* He gives access to?

 a. Eternal life (vs. 10)

 2. Why is the only Door to this life with God?

B. He does *because He won’t flee when wolves come* (vs. 12)

 1. Contrast Him with the false shepherds in your life (7:34-35)

C. He does *because He laid down His life for His sheep* (vs. 11; 15; 17-18)

 1. This is the *heart of the Gospel message*

a. His life is the *price of redemption* (1 Peter 1:19)

b. His gave His life *voluntarily and willingly* (vs. 17-18)

 c. He gave His life *ultimately in dying for His sheep* (vs. 11)

 d. He gave His life *obediently* (vs. 18b)

Consider: Is there a Shepherd Who will not only *go as far as Jesus did* but

 also, *can do what Jesus did?*

A. Many ‘shepherds’ have given their life for others: *but what others?*

 a. meditate on Romans 5:6-8

B. Though others have given their life, *did that bring salvation for you?*